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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated February 11, 2003 (Paper No. 5) for which a response was due on March 11, 2003. Accordingly, this response is timely filed.

Applicant hereby elects Species I (claims 1-10, 14-17, 22-25, 28, 29-43, 48-51, 58-65, and 70), without traverse. Applicant hereby cancels Species II (claims 11-13, 18-21, 26, 27, 44-47, 52-57, and 66-69). Applicant expressly reserves his/her right under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to file a divisional application directed to the nonelected subject matter during the pendency of this application, or an application claiming priority from this application.

Applicant requests examination of the elected subject matter on the merits.

In the unlikely event that the transmittal letter is separated from this document and the Patent Office determines that an extension and/or other relief is required, applicant petitions for any required relief including extensions of time and authorizes the Assistant Commissioner to charge the cost of such petitions and/or other fees due in connection with the filing of this document to <u>Deposit Account No. 03-1952</u> referencing docket no. <u>509982001400</u>. However, the Assistant Commissioner is not authorized to charge the cost of the issue fee to the Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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